



EXCHANGE STUDENTS — Women's RAF members arrive in New York on the Queen Elizabeth to study at U. S. air fields under an exchange agreement. Left to right: Flight Officer Joyce Borlase, going to Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, Tex.; Squadron Officer Mary Goodworth, to Washington; F. O. Gillian Campion, to Scott Field, Ill.; and F. O. Audrey Penfold, to Mitchel Field, N. Y.

Congress Chat

Letter From Washington

After three months of steady toil the House of Representatives is taking a ten-day Easter recess. The daily calendar of the House issued on the day of adjournment for the recess lists, under the heading, "Status of Major Bills" only one piece of major legislation as having been completed into law thus far this year. That one bill was the urgent deficiency appropriation bill.

This session has not been productive of major legislation but it has not lacked production along other lines. For example, the House has had 132 roll calls (it takes 30 minutes to call the roll). Most of them were mere quorum calls. Last year it was not until the 21st of July that we had roll call number 132.

Talk on the floor of both Houses of Congress has been quite ample thus far this session also. The 93 senators by long odds outtalked the 435 House members. In fact, less than one-fourth as many senators talked 20 per cent more pages into the Congressional Record than did the 435 members of the House. The senators talked 2,607 pages (about 4,040,850 words), the House members 2,027 pages or some 3,141,850 words.

But in volume of bills there has been plenty to talk about. Thus far this session 2,354 measures have been introduced in Congress.

Here is a quote that should be put up on big billboards all over the United States: General Dwight Eisenhower says: "Those individuals seeking to centralize power in the federal government are more

dangerous to our form of government than any foreign threat that can possibly be arrayed against us."

The giant appropriations bill (431 pages), which I have mentioned previously in these letters, will not be acted upon until after the Easter recess of the House. Earlier there was an attempt on the part of the chairman of the appropriations committee to get the bill acted upon before recess. Republican members sought to delay action for two reasons. First, it was felt that majority members of the House would be more inclined to vote for reducing amendments after visiting at home a while. Secondly, since the bill is so large and the committee report so voluminous, some delay was sought to give the members on both sides of the aisle a chance to get better informed on what is in the bill. It is fairly certain, however, that the appropriations bill will be passed and sent to the Senate before the end of this month. Meanwhile the Senate appropriations committee has been holding hearings on the various chapters of the bill and will be in position to report its version of the bill in a fairly short time.

I cannot make the long trip to Oregon for the Easter recess out. I am going with members of my committee, the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, to look over the equipment and operation of the Inland Waterways corporation, a government-owned transportation line operating on the Mississippi. There is a bill before our committee calling for the authorization of an additional \$10,000,000 for this operation and we want to see why the government should

Vital Statistics

Divorce Suits Filed

VAN BLERICOM — Marie vs. Ralph Lester Van Blericom. Married at Salem May 21, 1943. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged.

POYER — Howard James vs. Vida Faye Poyer. Married Jan. 11, 1950. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged.

Lookingglass PTA

Sets Program, Election

Lookingglass PTA will meet at the schoolhouse Friday, April 14, at 8 p.m. A short program of local talent will be presented followed by election of officers for the coming year. Fifth and sixth grade mothers are asked to bring sandwiches. Refreshments will be served.

FUNERAL DATE CHANGED

Funeral services for Donald Paul Spencer, Oakland, will be held Saturday, April 15, at 2 p.m. instead of the date previously announced. The services will be conducted by the Rev. William White at the Oakland Christian church. Burial will be in Fair Oaks cemetery.

RELEASED ON BAIL

Roy Elravy, Lookingglass, charged with false representation to the Oregon State Industrial Accident commission to obtain benefits, has been released upon posting of \$1,000 bail, set by Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes, reported Sheriff O. T. Carter.

invest that much more money in a strictly business enterprise.

Watch Trend Of Investment Outlay When Forecasting Business Future

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK — (AP) — If you want to know what's ahead of business in general, watch the trend of investment spending. In the opinion of at least one business leader, that's a much safer guide than trying to follow the old-fashioned business cycle method.

An estimate of future expenditures of an investment nature gives the average business man with limited research facilities a short-cut method of telling whether times will be good or bad. This is the view of Frank D. Newbury, a retired director, vice-president and economist of the Westinghouse Electric Corp.

He bases this on the belief that investment spending variations have the greatest effect on the total of the gross national product. If his short-cut is to work: Spending for consumption goods and services must follow a normal pattern, with personal savings neither abnormally high nor low; and so must additions to personal liquid assets, with no major increase in consumer spending of part savings.

These are two big ifs and Newbury says they must be taken into account in business forecasting. "But usually a sufficiently close estimate of gross national product and of the trend of general business can be made from consideration of investment expenditures alone," Newbury says in a discussion of "methods of forecasting general business conditions," just made for the controllership foundation.

"Because the size of gross national product gives a direct measure and the more inclusive measure of business activity, an estimate of the future size of gross national product is a forecast of the level of business," he says.

Gross national product includes the production of the entire labor force, in farming, manufacturing, and in the service industries and occupations. It measures this in money, showing the effects of year-to-year price changes.

The other popular guide to business activity is the federal reserve board's index of industrial production. But Newbury points out that the index "covers less than one-third of the labor force, since it omits farming, construction labor on the site, and all the service industries."

Businessmen who would be forecasters are advised to learn as much as they can about the investment plans of business firms and government agencies — "fortunately, investment plans take time to prepare and a still longer time to execute," thus casting their shadow far in advance.

There are six types of this investment spending to watch:

1. Private construction; 2. Producers' durable equipment; 3. Changes in business inventories; 4. Excess of goods and services exported over corresponding imports; 5. Federal government purchases from business, either for new construction or other items; and 6. State and local government purchases from business.

If the total of these can be expected to increase, "it is logical to expect an increasing trend in general business activity," Newbury says. But he warns against opinions based on one kind of investment alone: "Seldom do all kinds of investment move in the same direction — it is the total of all six kinds that is significant."

Potatoes were introduced to North America by Irish immigrants.

Officers Installed By

Oregon Master Masons

MEDFORD, April 13 — (AP) — A. J. McCallen of Portland was installed Tuesday as most illustrious grand master at the annual state convention of the Oregon Grand council, Royal and Select Master Masons.

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grand master; Herbert W. White, Portland, grand conductor; William Brown, Oregon City, grand treasurer; Henry G. Richardson, Portland, grand recorder; Sprague Carter, Pendleton, grand guard; J. W. Palmer, Corvallis, grand conductor of the council; Frank A. Dodge, Oregon City, grand marshal; Willis Brown, Salem, grand Steward; the Rev. A. H. MacDonnell, Ashland, grand chaplain.

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